



ISSA 2014 Contest Sanction Application

Name, phone, email of contest organizer:		
St. Louis Dagers – slalomstlouis@gmail.com , (314) 497-4366 or (618) 401-2011		
Date of Contest:	Title of Contest:	
May 24-25, 2014	Slalom St. Louis Classic	
Location of Contest:	Number and type of events at this contest (hybrid, tight, etc):	
Tower Grove Park, St. Louis, MO	Single-lane hybrid slalom, Dual-lane tight(ish) slalom	
Sanction status desired (Major, Main, Prime, Basic)	Classes of competitors: (Pro/Am, Open, Jr, Women, etc)	# Of runs per competitor, qualification method, bracketing method:
Main	Pro, Open, Women (if ≥ 4 attend), Junior (if ≥ 4 attend)	Single: ≥3 runs; winner determined by fastest combined time of each racer's two fastest runs. Dual: 2 qual/brackets
Permits, insurance, arrangements for road closures, etc:		
All permits have been secured, insurance purchased; road closure not needed (closed road)		
Prizes and value of prizes to be awarded:		
Pro: 1 st place (each event): ≥\$200, 2 nd place: ≥\$100, 3 rd place: ≥\$50. Women: 1 st place (overall): ≥\$100, 2 nd place: ≥\$50, 3 rd place: ≥\$25. Custom trophies for OVERALL 1 st -3 rd . Numerous sponsor goodies.		
Venue description (surface, pitch, length, cone distance, etc). Please describe the hill and course as completely as possible:		
Both Sat. and Sun. races will be in Tower Grove Park near the Turkish Pavilion. Slight slope, good asphalt (7/10), S-curve. Loose/varied single-lane course on Saturday. Tight(ish) dual-lane course on Sunday. Dual-lane course will be 70 straight cones that follow the curve of the road, spaced at app.6.5 ft.		
Venue attractions (local attractions for non-skaters):		
Gateway Arch, free Zoo and Art Museum, Anheuser-Busch Brewery tours, City Museum, The Magic House (kid-friendly), Delmar Loop (entertainment/shopping); free DIY concrete skatepark <1 mile away.		
Press Coverage:		
ISSA report in <i>Concrete Wave</i> and/or <i>Skate [Slate]</i>		
Competitor amenities (lodging, meals, gifts, etc):		
Free BBQ Saturday evening after race. Free box lunch from Caruso's Deli on Sunday. Free water and sports drinks for all racers. Free food (DIY PB&J station, fresh fruit, trail mix, etc.) on the hill on one or both days. Free T-shirt for all racers, with additional T-shirts for sale as souvenirs.		
Race Equipment (ramps, timing system, displays, safety gear, etc.):		
Start ramps, approx. 3' tall (Eric Brassard design), Trackmate timing, ExcelMate input. Extra LCD screen for racers to view their times/cone counts. Printed results after each round. Automated calculation of overall winners. Helmets required.		
Race Personnel (experience, training, etc) Please include Contest Organizer and contact info:		
Jonathan Harms, (314) 497-4366, jbh123@gmail.com ; Paul Graf, (618) 401-2011, grafgulch@aol.com . Twelfth year in a row for race. Paid, non-racing timekeeper and cone judges.		
Spectators (expected number, other attractions for spectators, provision for, etc.)		
Minimal spectators, other than curious local skaters and passers-by. Lots of shade, lots of room.		
Rules: Describe ALL exceptions to the ISSA rules, clarification of rules, competitors allowed or restricted, and any other special rules that will apply to this contest. ISSA RACING RULES		
Random start beeps to encourage fair racing.		

Contest Description:

Slalom St. Louis is the longest-running slalom race in the world, having been run every year since 2003. Low-key, fun atmosphere but competitive racing. City park setting with lots of shade. Main Midwest race of the year; near international airport; cheap lodging and entry costs; regularly attracts racers from central & upper Midwest, Appalachia, Florida, Deep South, Texas, Colorado and California.

Race Event #1 description:

Single-lane Giant (loose/varied) Slalom

Single-lane course set by STL Dagers (Jeff Goad, Paul Graf, Jonathan Harms, Steven Lewis, Jeff McCullar) and/or other willing volunteers – approx. 600 feet long, somewhere between 40-60 cones. Quicker cones (6' - 7' apart) at start to get racer up to speed, then a variety of medium and loose gates – up to 20' – mixed with quick gates to keep the flow. The hill is NOT steep, so going fast is VERY dependent on generating and maintaining speed through pumping. Each racer gets at least three runs, if not more. Up to four runs will be recorded on Excel spreadsheet developed and provided by Dan Gesmer. **Combined** time of **two** fastest runs wins.

Race Event #2 description:

Dual-lane Tight(ish) Slalom

Dual-lane course set by STL Dagers (Jeff Goad, Paul Graf, Jonathan Harms, Steven Lewis, Jeff McCullar) and/or other willing volunteers – approx. 600 feet long, with 70 cones set at approx. 6' (edge of one cone to edge of next) at start, gradually widening out to 6.5' and then 7' as the course gets faster and follows the S-curve of the road (first straight, then right, then left). Once again, it's gonna be a pumpfest.

Dual-lane qualifying followed by bracketed head-to-head racing. Each racer gets two qualifying runs – one in each lane. Each racer's single faster time of the two will be used to seed racers into brackets. Pro division will have separate bracket from Amateur division. Amateur riders will be seeded from #1 to #16 (A Group), #17 to #??? (B Group). Women and Juniors will have separate brackets if there are enough competitors. Bracketed racing within groups will continue until all placings have been determined.

If rain or other conditions prevent bracketed racing from being completed, race organizers will decide whether to postpone or cancel remaining racing.

- If racing is canceled, qualifying results will be used as final results.
- If racing is postponed, race organizers will decide whether to continue on site or whether to conduct remaining races (a) in the rain or (b) at an indoor/covered location. (Racers' input will be asked for and considered in making such a decision.)
- If racing is moved to indoor/covered location, race organizers will decide whether racers will repeat qualifying or whether previous qualifying results will be used, in order to make best use of available time to complete the event, award prizes, etc.

Notes:

Top three finishers (each event) in Pro division will receive cash as follows:

1. \$200
2. \$100
3. \$50

Top three finishers (each event) in Women's division will receive cash as follows:

1. \$100
2. \$50
3. \$25

Top three overall placings in each division – as calculated by ISSA method – will receive a custom trophy.